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Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., June 8th., 1896.

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Very truly yours,

R. P. Preston

Major Herman Kretz,
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